

SPADE Meeting 12 March 1971

Attendees: Ari, Chuck, John, Kelvin, Lou, Rollin, Bill

1. NETWORK : This week we made more Network history by making it possible for a real live user to use BBN's TENEX through our TELNET. This was a good test of NCP's at both installations. Even though Peggy Karp of MITRE was actually able to do a bit of productive work, much time was spent in either recovering from or fixing bugs in both NCP's. It seemed as if BBN's NCP is not as stable as ours.

It is really unfortunate that, in all the excitement, none of the bugs nor the problems encountered in use of the various Network related processes were recorded in the log. Contributing to this lapse in record keeping might have been the large number of people involved in the experiment and their insistence on continuing to connect to BBN even though a number of problems had been encountered. Hopefully the next Network experiments will be somewhat less hectic.

Some of the bugs-- NCP's half second giveups(to be fixed by pushing pact address into interstack -CSK)

TELNET loops if user does status request during his conversation with foreign host.

More experiments-- Beginning next week we will make attempts to log on to those network sites which claim running NCP's and TELNET's. On 18 MAR Rollin will attempt file transfer between here and RAND.

2. SYSTEM : Latest additions/changes include
- a) power off/on interrupt handling
 - b) newest version of console handler(% after a delete/rubout)
 - c) EDITX workfile default name is EDIT/W
 - d) new garbage collector

It seems that Chuck is unloading more of his system tasks onto Lou. This is good. Lou wanted us to know that he is working on things Chuck has assigned him instead of what the PLAN said he was to do. The feeling is that the PLAN will be revised shortly...

3. DOCUMENTATION: Lou will update EDITX documentation next week.
User level documentation in short supply.

4. OTHER: Bill brought up Ari's suggestion that console modes should be settable with some process. Chuck feels that Master could have a command for this. There was some discussion of the problems of setting different console modes in different processes and how to pass them up or down.

Rest of meeting was spent discussing progress report items.